

**BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

<b>In the Matter of the Revocation</b>	)	
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<b>or Suspension of the Educator's</b>	)	<b>ORDER OF</b>
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<b>Certificate of J. Barry Moore</b>	)	<b>REVOCATION</b>
	)	
<b>Certificate # 152330</b>	)	

**SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on July 8, 2003. On April 22, 2003, the State Department of Education (Department) sent a notice of the possible suspension or revocation of his South Carolina teaching certificate (certificate) to Mr. J. Barry Moore by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Mr. Moore received the notice, as evidenced by the signed postal receipt. Mr. Moore did not request a hearing within the time allowed by law and is in default. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to revoke Mr. Moore's teaching certificate # 152330.

Mr. Moore is a certified South Carolina educator with over fifteen years in the system. Mr. Moore resigned on April 11, 2003, from Lexington County School District One (District). Mr. Moore was an assistant football coach and a teacher at Gilbert High School. On April 9, 2003, the District Superintendent's office received an anonymous packet of information that Mr. Moore was involved in sexually explicit on-line chat rooms during school hours at the high school, as far back as 2001. Most of the conversations involve Mr. Moore seeking another male to engage in a sexual act. One chat involves Mr. Moore talking about going to Chicago with the school orchestra and trying to line someone up while he is in Chicago. District officials did monitor Mr. Moore's school computer for a short time immediately after receiving the anonymous package and found several pictures of naked men downloaded along with cookies indicating "men4sexnow"

on his computer. Mr. Moore emailed a picture of his genitals to someone who requested it during an Internet chat. During another chat on his school computer, Mr. Moore talked about his fantasy of seeing the boys he coached naked in the shower. District administrators verified that the information presented in the anonymous packet was from his school computer before they confronted Mr. Moore. When confronted by the evidence, Mr. Moore admitted his involvement, apologized, and agreed to resign immediately.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

“The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (1990). Just cause includes: “Unprofessional conduct...any conduct involving moral turpitude...and evident unfitness for position for which employed.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (1990). The State Board finds that the preponderance of the evidence presented, which is undisputed by Mr. Moore, supports its decision to revoke Mr. Moore's teaching certificate # 152330.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Greg Killian  
Greg Killian  
Chair

Columbia, South Carolina  
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